

Claiborne honored on national TV broadcast

By Mary Lou Bytof

Many Dillsburg residents saw a familiar face Monday evening on ABC's All-Star Pro Sports Awards.

Among the honorees, which included such sports greats as Mike Tyson, Wayne Gretzky, and Chris Evert, was Loretta Claiborne, 36, of York. Claiborne was honored as the Special Olympic Athlete of the Year during the live, two-hour broadcast.

The long distance runner has visited Dillsburg on numerous occasions with her advocate for the Special Olympics, Janet MacFarland.

MacFarland, who accompanies and assists the athlete at sports and social events, is a member and former president of the GFWC Woman's Club of Dillsburg. Over the years, Claiborne has accompanied MacFarland to several club events.

As a guest speaker, Claiborne addressed the club and discussed her participation in the Boston Marathon in 1981 and 1982. According to MacFarland, the runner finished the 26.2-mile course in 3:03 hours. She was the first and only Special Olympian to enter and finish that prestigious event.

Several years ago, Claiborne spoke to the students at Northern Middle School about the Special Olympics. MacFarland said. She also was an honorary guest at the local annual Bike Hike for the benefit of the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) two years ago.

The television special, live from the Universal Studios Amphitheatre in Los Angeles, honored the top professional athletes in 11 categories. The proceeds will benefit the Special Olympics.

Throughout the broadcast, the careers of the sports superstars were summarized in half-minute clips.

Claiborne's award presentation, however, was preceded with a meaty, heart-warming, mini-biography which was written by Buddy Morrow, who penned Rain Man. The writer sat next to Claiborne and MacFarland during the ceremony.

The narrated film showed Claiborne jogging in York, participating in meets, relaxing with her family, greeting celebrities, and presenting medals to young Special Olympians.

The narrative told of the obstacles the determined young woman had to overcome in her youth. Claiborne was legally blind and unable to walk until the age of four. By the time her eyesight was restored following surgery, Claiborne lagged far behind her peers developmentally. Although a doctor had advised her mother to place the youngster in an institution, the woman refused.

Now a serious athlete, Claiborne has been active in Special Olympics for the past 19 years.

Amidst a round of applause, she descended the steps of the amphitheatre and walked onto the stage to accept the award from Maria Shriver, daughter of Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the founder of Special Olympics.

After a brief acceptance speech, Claiborne and Shriver went backstage to telephone Mrs. Shriver, who personally congratulated the awardee.

That telephone conversation was the highlight of Claiborne's evening, MacFarland said.

Although Claiborne's program was filled with names of celebrities such as Hulk Hogan, Brett Musburger, and Peggy Fleming, MacFarland said the athlete especially was thrilled to finally have met Rafer Johnson, an Olympic gold medalist who carried the torch in the opening ceremonies at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles. Johnson is president of the California Special Olympics and a board member of Special Olympics International, MacFarland said.

Following the broadcast, Claiborne and MacFarland were invited to a party in a giant-sized tent outside the amphitheatre.

As the two York residents mingled with the "rich and famous," MacFarland had a constant reminder of far-away Dillsburg. She was wearing a formal, tea-length dress that Sandy DeBolt made for her five years ago. DeBolt followed MacFarland as president of the Woman's Club in 1988.

On Tuesday evening, the ladies returned to York - perhaps somewhat jaded from the limo rides and the luxury of staying in a \$325-a-day room at the Regent Beverly Welshire with all the "extras," which included a bouquet of orchids in the bathroom and champagne-on-ice on the dresser.

Claiborne came home to run, MacFarland said matter-of-factly. The athlete has not donned her jogging shoes in three days, she added.

A glimpse of Hollywood did not change Loretta. On Saturday, she will participate in a 10K race in Butler.

She has been chosen as an international athletic representative from Pennsylvania for the 1991 International Special Olympics summer games in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Special Olympics is a year-round training and competition for mentally retarded citizens over the age of eight.

Irwin family to host foreign exchange student

William and Linda Irwin of Dillsburg, Pa. will have a new "son" in August--Thomas Soendergaard Sarup, a Youth For Understanding (YFU) International Exchange student from Denmark. Thomas, who will be a student at Northern Senior H.S. in Dillsburg, will live with the Irwin family until July 1991.

As a member of the Irwin family, Thomas will participate in all family activities, from vacations to household chores. While sharing the culture of Denmark with his host family and schoolmates, he will learn about U.S. culture.

YFU, established in 1951, is one of the world's oldest and largest nonprofit international exchange organizations, dedicated to international understanding and world peace. About 4,000 US families open their homes and hearts to YFU International students each year.

More information about hosting YFU international students is available from YFU's regional office at 1-800-USA-0200.



Photo by David March.

Capitol Area Intermediate Unit students visit Banner office. Joyce Shoop's CAIU students recently visited the Dillsburg Banner and Bargain Sheet offices. The children and teaching assistants Claire Lewis and Lynn DeMartyn got a short lesson on how the Banner and Bargain Sheet are put together before being printed. Shoop's classes are held at the Northern Middle School for ages 12 - 18 years old. She presently has 13 trainable mentally retarded children.

Dedication ceremony to be held this Sunday

A dedication ceremony for the Northern York County Historical and Preservation Society Historical Marker commemorating Jeb Stuart's fateful sojourn in Dillsburg will take place at the Metropolitan Edison Building on North Baltimore Street at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, July 1, the ceremony will take place at the same hour, on the same date, exactly 127 years after the event it commemorates. It is believed by many that Stuart's being here at that time was the causative factor in the outcome of the Battle of Gettysburg and the Civil War. Please plan to attend, and bring your family and interested friends.

Evening story times set at Dillsburg Library

The Dillsburg Area Public Library will hold the following evening story time sessions at the library in July:

Mondays, July 2 and July 9; and Wednesdays, July 18 and July 25.

The sessions will run from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. and are open to area children of all ages.

Children need not be registered for the library's summer reading program to enjoy the newly-scheduled evening story sessions. However, parents may call register their children for the morning program at the library.

The six-week summer reading program will culminate with an all-day open house on August 1 at the library, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., during which time refreshments will be served and prizes will be awarded to all participants.

For more information call Mrs. Virtue at 432-4567 or the library at 432-5613.

Logan Park meeting highlights

The monthly meeting of the Logan Park Authority was held on Wednesday, June 20, 1990 at the Carroll Township Building.

In addition to development plans, a review of Earth Day at Logan Park was discussed. Over \$2100.00 was raised through contributions and events held at the park. The Logan Park Authority would like to thank the following contributors: CCNB Bank, Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW #6771, GFWC Woman's Club of Dillsburg, Haar's Inc., Knaub's Furniture, Wayne Food Supply Stores, J.I. Reanick and Sons, Wolfe's Diner, Dillsburg Septic Service, Waste Management of York, Myers Food Rite, Shumaker's Service, Dillsburg Sheet Metal Works, Gruber's Pharmacy, and Selzer's Car Wash.

A very special thank you for all who participated at Earth Day: Re/Max Professional Consultants, Fetrow Insurance Assoc., Dillsburg Lions Club, P.J.'s Hair Salon, Citizens Hose Co. #1, Clark's Ice Cream, Dillsburg Soccer Club, Rep. Bruce Smith, N.H.S. Student Council, Tall Cedars Clowns, Hershey Impact Members, Dillsburg Police, Carroll Twp. Police, and the Boy Scouts of America, Dillsburg.

With the monies raised at Earth Day, the Funds received from the Dillsburg Borough and Carroll Township, the \$5,000.00 received from both Vernon Anderson Real Estate and the Dillsburg VFW, and pledges from groups and individuals, it is anticipated that by this fall, there will be a driveway, parking, picnic pavilion, and tot lot. This is the first step in realizing a park that we all can use and desperately need.

Bomberger named to dean's list at Wesleyan

An area resident was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at West Virginia Wesleyan College, announced Dr. Barbara Richardson, dean of the college.

Heather Bomberger, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Bomberger of Dillsburg, Pa., will be a senior this fall and majors in international studies.

Those students named to the Dean's List must have maintained a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale for the semester.

Shortridge named to dean's list

Molly Susannah Shortridge, who will be a senior in music performance and music therapy at Temple University in Philadelphia, has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring semester. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Probst, Dillsburg.

Gregory James Shortridge, has been named to the Dean's List at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va. for the spring semester. He is the son of Sandra Shortridge-Godshall and James C. Shortridge, both of Dillsburg. He is an electrical engineering major.

Molly and Gregory were recently married.

Albert graduates from nursing school



Judith A. Albert

Judith A. Albert, 69 Poplar Road, Dillsburg, daughter of Betty G. and Roy E. Albert has graduated from the Lancaster General Hospital School of Nursing.

She has obtained a commendable clinical recognition for obstetrical pediatric nursing and a commendable clinical recognition for oncological nursing.

She was a Public Relations Officer 1988-1990, Parliamentarian 1989-1990, Student Government Association 1987-1990.

Judith is a 1987 graduate of Northern Senior High School.

The Dillsburg Banner office will be closed July 4, 5, and 6th.